

Paragraph added to page 1 by Preliminary Amendment, under the heading "CROSS
REFERENCE TO RELATED PATENT APPLICATIONS" (amended):

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The present patent application is a 371 of International Application No.
PCT/EP99/09775, filed 10 December 1999, which was published in German as
International Patent Publication No. WO 00/39200 on 6 July 2000, which is entitled to
the right of priority of German Patent Application No. 198 59 689.9 filed 23 December,
1998.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel the previous versions of the following claims and replace them
with the following rewritten versions. Marked-up copies showing the amendments since
the previous versions are annexed as a separate page.

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Claim 1 (twice amended). A coextruded heat sealable biaxially oriented
polypropylene (BOPP) film with peelable sealing properties, having an ink-free sealing
area within which a screen pattern is printed with a thermoplastic lacquer, which lacquer
comprises one of: (i) at least one polyvinyl butyral (PVB); or (ii) at least one
ethylenevinyl acetate copolymer (EVA copolymer), said thermoplastic lacquer being
only weakly sealable to coextruded BOPP.
